

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Embargo Humbug

WHATEVER American's present reasons may be for maintaining controls on trade with Communist countries it is hard to admire its application of them. Broadly speaking the embargo policy permits Western nations freer trade with European Communist countries than with China. And the original purpose of the embargo was ostensibly to restrict the war-making potential of the Soviet bloc as a whole.

As a principle in times of international crisis there would be few complaints against such a policy. And doubtless the embargo served some sensible end during the Korean war. But what, at any time, is the use of trying to differentiate between the belligerent intent of individual members of the Communist bloc and applying restrictions on this basis. Surely the success of sanctions of this kind depends upon a uniform and consistent policy against the bloc as a whole.

It is not clearly apparent that by treaty China receives large quantities of economic and military aid from Russia. And that by allowing exports of certain goods to Russia and European Communist countries which it denies to China the West has no control over (1) their final destination or (2) the extent to which Western released Communist goods in the "regime" category or ex-clusively to China.

Why bother to discriminate against China when it receives—or is in a position to receive—the "hidden trade"—second hand goods? To a small extent the embargo causes inconvenience to Peking because goods cannot be sent out from the West to China's seaboard. And there probably some prestige attached to the lifting of restrictions in China's eyes. But in this all inconvenience and the frustration it gives the American public worth the feeling it provokes in Eastern and Western alike?

Worth straining the feelings of America's allies who surely see the absurdity of the policy but who for the sake of preserving unity in the alliance accept the humbug and nuisance it imposes. To the majority of which apply embargoes on goods they see that stringent controls which have been imposed in all but China's case have entirely outlived their original purpose. But in America apparently, it is politically expedient to maintain them.

OR they are being used as a pawn in the negotiations to free Americans imprisoned in China. And the Republicans may feel that with presidential elections later next year it would be unwise to make any concessions to Peking that might upset the electorate—particularly as there is no certainty that their one sure hope of success, President Eisenhower will lead them at the polls.

To the Americans these may be good reasons why a strict embargo should be maintained on the China trade. To their Western allies, however, it seems downright unfair that freer trade should have to depend on the refusal of Washington to look at this question rationally and sensibly.

Before Sir Anthony Eden asks for a revision of the embargo in his Washington talks with the President next month, the American administration should give this question serious thought and pay careful attention to the inconsistencies of a policy which is causing strain and increasing frustration among its allies.

HK BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "The Turf"	By "Rapior"
RACE 1 Thanksgiving Day Festival View Many Returns Outsider: Tumbleweed	RACE 1 Rider's Wish Flycatcher Tune—phone Outsider: Thanksgiving Day.
RACE 2 Mourne Congratulation Rowanglen Outsider: Unicorn	RACE 2 Fair Play Mourne Congratulation Outsider: Rowanglen.
RACE 3 Thousand Miles Sunstreak Orange King Outsider: Esquire	RACE 3 Flying Dutchman Sunstreak Thousand Miles Outsider: Comet.
RACE 4 Spanish Fan Queenpots Volcano Outsider: Brantome	RACE 4 Easy-going Spanish Fan Ben Lawers Outsider: Boyne.
RACE 5 Pot O'Gold Santa Maria Quicksilver Outsider: Sultan	RACE 5 Hawaiian Moon Quicksilver Wine Leader Outsider: Anniversary 10.
RACE 6 Strathairn Jingle Bell Lightning Feet Outsider: Aviemore	RACE 6 Strathairn Night People Babsie Outsider: Aviemore.
RACE 7 Beautiful Lie Sportsmanship Diamond Dahlia Outsider: Crackerjack	RACE 7 Hallmark Diana Diamond Dahlia Outsider: Beautiful Lie.
RACE 8 Ma Cherie Orange Beauty Tell-Me-More Outsider: Cornhill.	RACE 8 Cornhill Attractive Power Orange Beauty Outsider: Tell-me-more.
RACE 9 Blondie King Rider May Blossom Outsider: Barometer	RACE 9 Blondie May Blossom Blazing Outsider: Vendetta.
RACE 10 Mascot Resurrection Solar Knight Outsider: Easy Money	RACE 10 Resurrection Solar Knight Giddup Outsider: Fieldmaster.

TODAY'S TEASER TIP
For the 9th race
An assured winner for Mr Dagwood
The teaser tip for the last meeting was 'Cheerful' in the seventh race which finished second and paid \$6.00.

By "Daybreak"	By Young Hall
RACE 1 Many Returns Festival View Thanksgiving Day. Outsider: Starboard	RACE 1 (11) Thanksgiving Day (3) Festival View (7) Rider's Wish
RACE 2 Mourne Congratulation Thunder Sky Outsider: Evergreen	RACE 2 (8) Mourne (1) Congratulation (9) Norse Lady
RACE 3 Sunstreak Thousand Miles Marianne Outsider: Midgot	RACE 3 (14) Thousand Miles (13) Sunstreak (2) Comet
RACE 4 Brantome Quicksilver Queenpots Outsider: Ben Lawers	RACE 4 (3) Brantome (8) Queenpots (10) Spanish Fan
RACE 5 Pot O'Gold Santa Maria Wise Leader Outsider: Hawaiian Moon	RACE 5 (8) Pot O'Gold (10) Quicksilver (14) Wise Leader
RACE 6 Night People Strathairn Jingle Bell Outsider: Babsie	RACE 6 (17) Strathairn (14) Night People (12) Lightning Feet
RACE 7 Diana Beautiful Lie Crackerjack Outsider: Fidra	RACE 7 (1) Beautiful Lie (4) Diana (3) Diamond Dahlia
RACE 8 Brivstone Ma Cherie Tell-Me-More Outsider: Cornhill	RACE 8 (3) Blondie (1) Barometer (7) May Blossom
RACE 9 Blondie Tamerlane May Blossom Outsider: Blazing	RACE 9 (8) Fieldmaster (15) Resurrection (17) Solar Knight
RACE 10 Resurrection Mascot Solar Knight Outsider: Icefield	PLACE PROGRESSIVES OF THE DAY Race 3: (13) Sunstreak Race 8: (14) Night People Race 10: (15) Resurrection

NAVAL BATTLE OFF MATSU
Taipei, Jan. 1.
Chinese Nationalist warships damaged several Communist vessels in a naval battle off Matsu island last night, the Nationalist Defence Ministry announced here today.

This was the third day running on which naval engagements have taken place in this area. The Communist vessels, three warships and three junks,

CMG For Dr K. C. Yeo TWO RESIDENTS AWARDED OBE

Dr the Hon. K. C. Yeo, Director of Medical and Health Service headed this year's list of Hongkong recipients of New Year honours. He has been made a Companion of St Michael and St George (CMG).

The OBE (Civil) has been awarded Mr Horace Kadoorie, Cev. Leg. Hon., who is a committee member of the Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Association and President of the Jewish Recreation Club.

The OBE has also been conferred on Mr Shum Wai-yau, Managing Director of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, a member of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Anti-TB Association and a member of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. Mr Shum is also Chairman of the Hongkong Newspaper Society.

Shrine Stampede 112 People Trampled To Death

Tokyo, Jan. 1.
Police headquarters today reported 112 people were trampled to death and 75 others injured in a stampede at the Shinto shrine in Niigata prefecture, Northern Japan only 30 minutes after the temple bells had tolled in the New Year.

Police said the disaster struck in a crowd of 40,000 worshippers at a Yashiko village 180 miles north of Tokyo when an unidentified person missed a step coming down a flight of stairs with a 30 degree incline. The person slipped and fell, pulling others down with him.

Police said there was a "chain reaction." Crowds at the top of the stairs were pushed down as the crowd at the gate were walking up. Police said the stairs collapsed.

Police said a big congregation was praying for a happy new year shortly before midnight. Half an hour later death struck.

Police described the panic as "horrible" with women desperately crying and people falling down the stairs screaming as they were being crushed to death.

Police headquarters sent 200 policemen to the scene of disaster and initial reports said the victims had been taken to a nearby hospital.

Police said they had a force of 38 policemen regulating traffic inside the temple grounds by midnight, but the congregation was twice as big as usual.

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All-Time Record Beer Drinking
London, Jan. 1.
Britons drank about ten million gallons of beer in the last Christmas holiday week, a spokesman for the National Brewers' Society estimated here, an all-time record.

The demand for the national brew after a post-war slump is continuing to improve steadily, he added.

More Britons than ever before are now preferring bottled beer to the type available only in public houses.—China Mail Special.

Four Die In Avalanches
Davos, Jan. 1.
White death struck in Switzerland and Austria last night and left four persons dead and one missing.

An official statement from the Alpine rescue office said an American soldier and two French citizens, a man and a woman, were killed by an avalanche at the "Gemschuck" near here.

A fourth person, a honeymooning Frenchman, was killed by an avalanche near Innsbruck, Austria.—United Press.

Youths Shoot Girl
New York, Jan. 1.
A gang of youths shot and seriously wounded a 10-year-old girl when they "broke down" with drugs at a party, police said.

"Suspects performed a five-hour operation on Patrick Murphy to remove a bullet from her stomach."

"A 10-year-old boy was arrested."—China Mail Special.



The Queen Honours Nearly 2,000 Of Her Subjects

London, Jan. 2.
Queen Elizabeth today showered honours on 1,900 of her subjects ranging from Britain's greatest ballerina, Margot Fonteyn, to a man who helped doctors by allowing himself to be bitten 770 times by malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

In her New Year Honours List—the eighth list of her reign—the Queen created four new barons, three baronets and many knights throughout the British Commonwealth.

But the announcement of the honours was touched with tragedy as Dr Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, who was to have been one of the new barons, died on Saturday.

Dr Garbett, aged 80, was told about a week before his death of the Queen's intention to make him a peer and thus a permanent member of the House of Lords. For 15 years he had been a spiritual adviser to a life member but was to have retired early in 1956.

As he was a bachelor without an heir his title has become immediately null and void.

Margot Fonteyn, 36, becomes a Dame Commander of the British Empire the female equivalent of a knight. Now the star of Britain's famed Sadlers Wells Ballet she learned her first dance steps at the age of four.

She is married to Dr Roberto Arias, Panamanian Ambassador in London.

The mosquito man is Mr Charles Howard, a former ship's radio operator who in 1948 offered himself to doctors probing malaria at London's Hospital for Tropical Diseases. After he had been bitten by the mosquitoes for three days surgeons removed a piece of his liver for study and the results helped greatly to advance medical knowledge. The Queen makes him a member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

LEGLESS HERO
Another hero recognised by the Monarch is Captain Douglas "Buddy" Hodge, a Spitfire pilot who flew over the Battle of Britain. He has been given new legs to enable him to lead a life of a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE).

The same award goes to Agatha Christie, thriller writer whose books have sold over 15 million copies in Britain and America alone.

The new barons are: Colonel John Jacob Astor, 89, chairman of the London Times newspaper. Younger son of the first Viscount Astor.

Sir Francis Raymond Evered, 50, Master of the Rolls, a high legal post. He is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague. He was Britain's youngest judge at the age of 45.

Sir Frederick Godber, 67, chairman and managing director of the Shell Transport and Trading Company. He has spent his life in the oil industry.

THREE BARONETS
Baronets (hereditary knights) are Sir Hubert Houldsworth, chairman of the National Coal Board; Colonel James Hutchinson and Colonel Charles Ponsonby, both Conservative politicians.

The Queen created three Companions of Honour (CH), a select order of only 65 members. One is Sir John Kotelawala, outspoken Prime Minister of Ceylon.

Another Companion of Honour is Mr Arthur David Waley, the Victorian world's most eminent authority on Chinese literature and language.

The third Companion is Viscount Cecil of Cigliwood, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1937.

Queen Elizabeth created 32 Knights Bachelor in the New Year Honours List. The list includes Sir John Gollan, 71, and Sir John Gollan, 71, and Sir John Gollan, 71.

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RUSSIA SUPPORTS CEASEFIRE IN MALAYA

Possibilities Of Cessation Of Hostilities

Moscow, Dec. 31.

Pravda today gave official Soviet Communist Party support for a cease-fire between Communist rebels and British security forces in Malaya.

In the first Russian comment on the Malayan peace talks this Russian Communist Party newspaper said it was "perfectly clear that in the present circumstances there are possibilities for the cessation of hostilities in Malaya."

An article signed by Pravda's special commentator on British affairs V. Maevsky said: "First steps towards a cessation of hostilities in Malaya show the

problem can be successfully solved if both sides display the due wish to reach a settlement." The article spoke of "British Monopolists" and described the Malayan campaign as a "vicious war."

Not Averse

Pravda said the impression was created that certain British circles were not averse to fanning war flames in Malaya and still aimed at prolonging the colonial system in Malaya, adding that the time of colonisers was coming to an end.

The ending of hostilities and the satisfaction of the legitimate demands of the Malayan people would undoubtedly serve the consolidation of peace in South-east Asia and would have a beneficial influence over the entire international situation, Pravda added.

End of the year editorials in the Soviet press echoed speeches made in the Supreme Soviet on Thursday by Mr. Krushchev and Marshal Bulganin criticising Western policy and "colonialism."

By Bombers

Pravda said "colonialists" were "trying by bombers, napalm and concentration camps to terrorise forces fighting for freedom and independence." Certain circles in the United States, Britain and France "are striving might and main to hamstring further lessening of international tension and to bury alive the spirit of Geneva." Western observers believed that a continued sharp tone in Soviet editorials is to be expected in the future.—Reuter.

King Baudouin
In Crash

Lyons, Dec. 31.

King Baudouin of the Belgians and his brother Prince Albert escaped unhurt when their car collided with another car in a Lyons suburb to-night.

They were able to continue their journey in the car.—Reuter.

DULLES TO
VISIT
FAR EAST

Washington, Dec. 31.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will visit the Far East in March to devise new strategy for protecting free nations from Communist economic or military penetrations, it was disclosed today.

Authoritative sources said the much-travelled Secretary of State plans to fly to Karachi, for a meeting about March 6 of the Southeast Asian Treaty Organisation, the so-called "Manila Pact" alliance which the United States regards as a key bulwark against Red aggression in the Far East.

While plans for the trip are not complete, it is likely Mr. Dulles will expand his itinerary to include visits to other Far Eastern capitals. Last April, when he attended a Manila Pact meeting in Thailand, Mr. Dulles went on to visit Formosa, Burma, the Philippines and other countries in the area.—United Press.

Temporary
Constitution
For Sudan

Khartoum, Dec. 31.

On the eve of the Sudan's achievement of independence, the Parliament here today passed a temporary constitution to tide the country over until the Constituent Assembly makes a new one.

Tomorrow, when the 33-year-old Anglo-Egyptian condominium comes to an end, the new flag of the Sudanese republic will be hoisted here.

Early on New Year's Day a five-man commission to assume the powers of head of state will be sworn in before Parliament.

As from today the International Governor-General Commission ceases to function.

Speaking in Parliament, Sayed Mohammed Ahmed Mahgoub, Opposition leader, said the fact that the new constitution was provisional did not minimise its importance.

Constitutions, whether provisional or permanent, lost their value once they had been accepted, he added.

"We have chosen a republican regime to avoid the defects of a monarchy and to let the majority have the decisive word without ignoring the rights of the minority."—Reuter.

Blind Composer Awarded
Music Doctorate

Blind composer Mr. Frederick Emery, is shown seated at the piano in his home at Hampton, England, wearing the robes of Doctor of Music, a degree to be awarded him by Durham University for his 50-minute long "Symphony in E Minor." Mr. Emery, blind since birth, worked for two years on the symphony. When it was finished it was written down for him by a professional musician. Now Mr. Emery says he has only one ambition—to hear a work of his played by an orchestra. With Mr. Emery in the picture is his wife, holding a book of Braille music.—Express Photo.

Spain Anticipates
Return
Of Gibraltar

Madrid, Dec. 31.

The Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Alberto Martin Artajo, said here tonight that little by little the time for the return of Gibraltar to Spain was approaching.

He made the statement in a new year interview dealing with Spain's foreign problems which will be published tomorrow by the Catholic newspaper Ya Rept Ya.

Senor Artajo said: "Gibraltar is beginning to be considered as a factor in a more fast and more important problem, namely the Hispano-British relations for a joint defence against the common enemy of our time—Soviet imperialism."

Great Part

"It is Soviet imperialism supported by a great part of the Asiatic world which is trying to win the African continent. For this reason little by little the time for the return of Gibraltar is approaching."

Asked about Spanish relations with the United States, the Foreign Minister said: "The Spanish-American pact constitutes a more important event than the world thinks."

"Spanish-American friendship serves as a mutual guarantee for

many important things. As regards American financial help in order to make it efficient they should supply us with all that we need in order to bring our economy up to date."—Reuter.

69 Prominent
Businessmen
Arrested

Calcutta, Dec. 31.

Sixty-nine prominent Calcutta businessmen have been arrested for using an illegal telephone service to carry on illegal speculation on the futures market, it was learned here today.

Police raids revealed 177 illegal telephones concealed in a number of offices in Calcutta's Clive Street area, the commercial centre of the city.

A telephone exchange, complete in all details, to which the illegal private telephones were connected, was also discovered by the police.

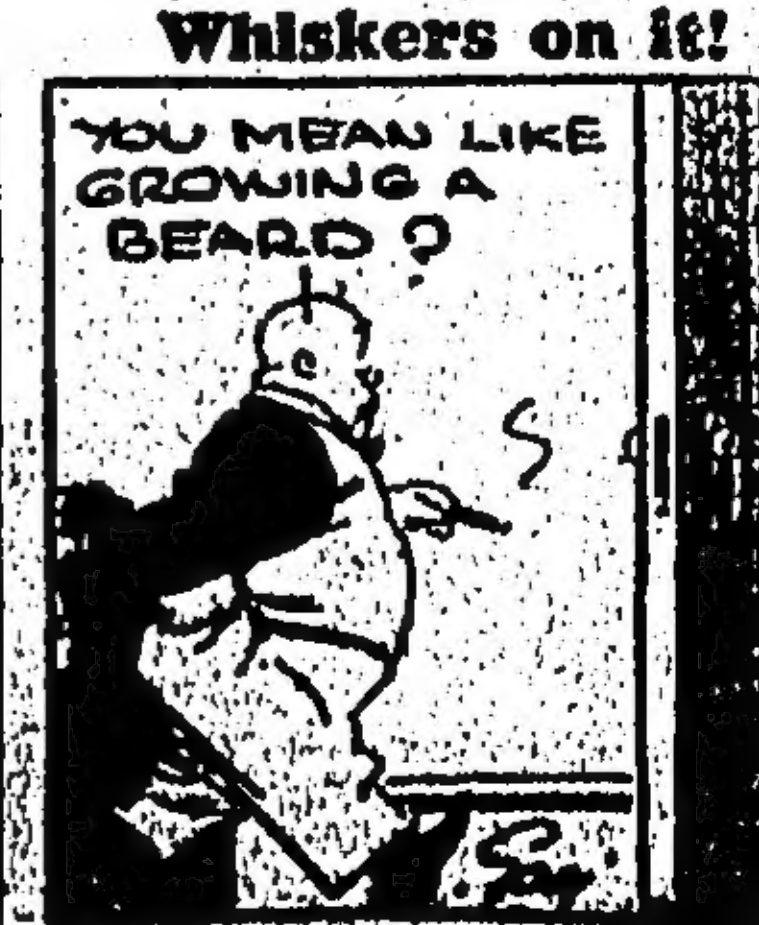
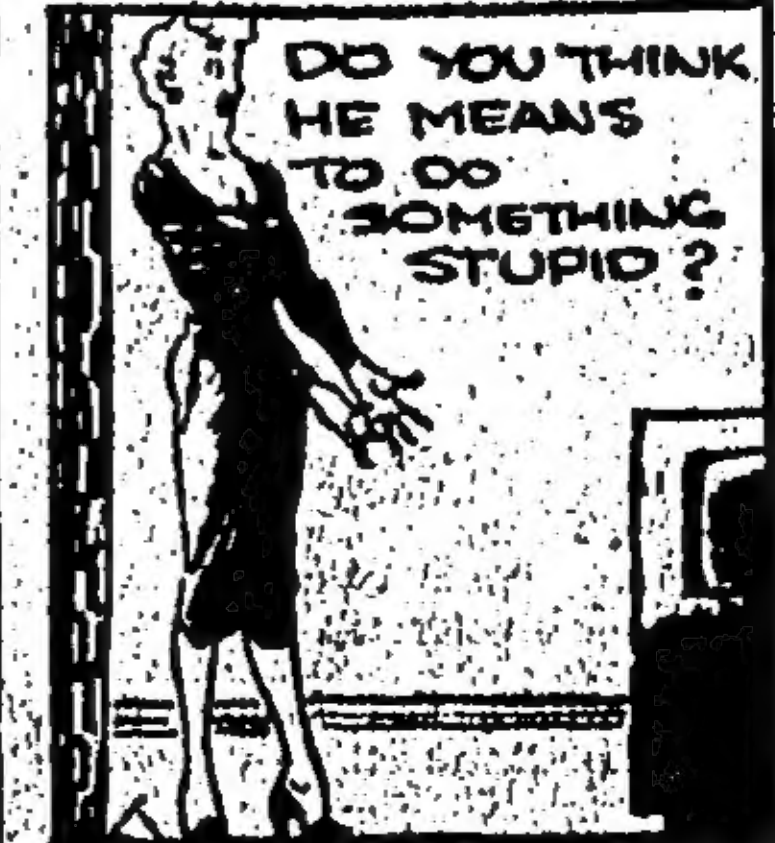
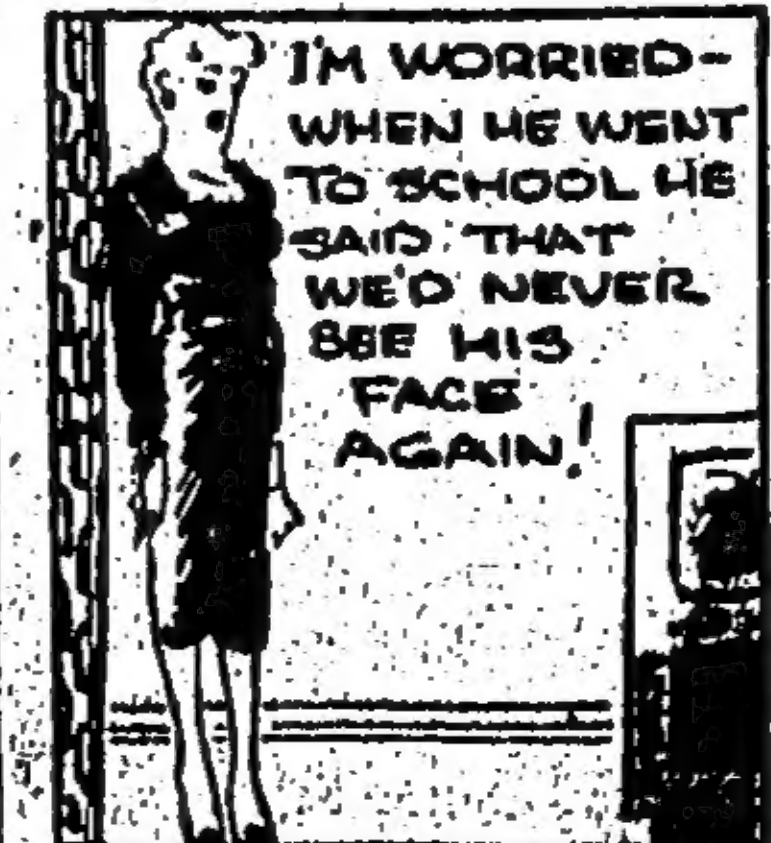
In India, telephone services are a government monopoly and speculation on futures markets is prohibited by a special law.—France-Press.

'Nationalist' Plane
Shot Down

Paris, Dec. 31.

One Nationalist aircraft was shot down and two others damaged on Thursday night by Communist Chinese anti-aircraft fire over the Fukien region of the Chinese mainland, the New China News Agency reported today.—France-Press.

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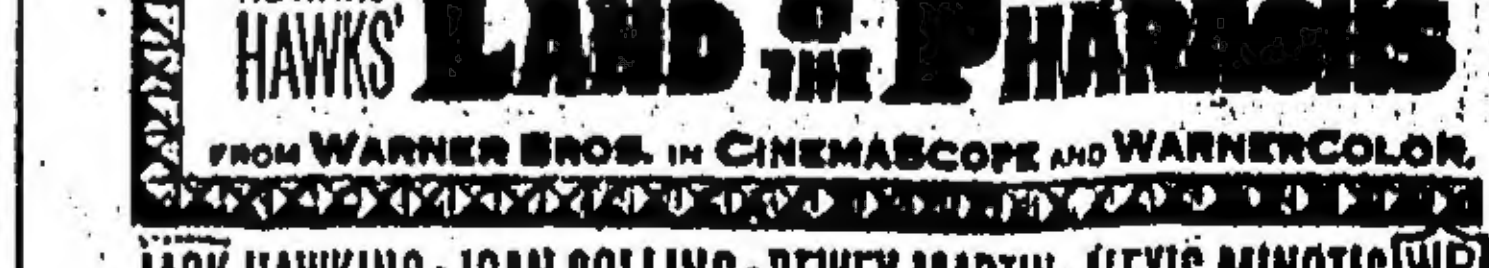
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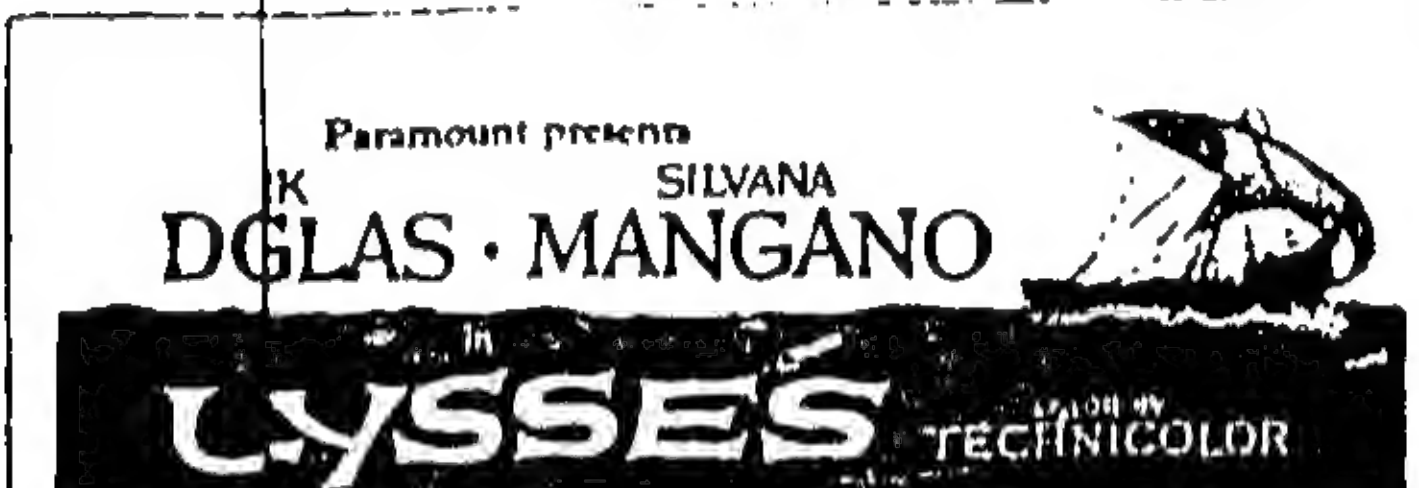
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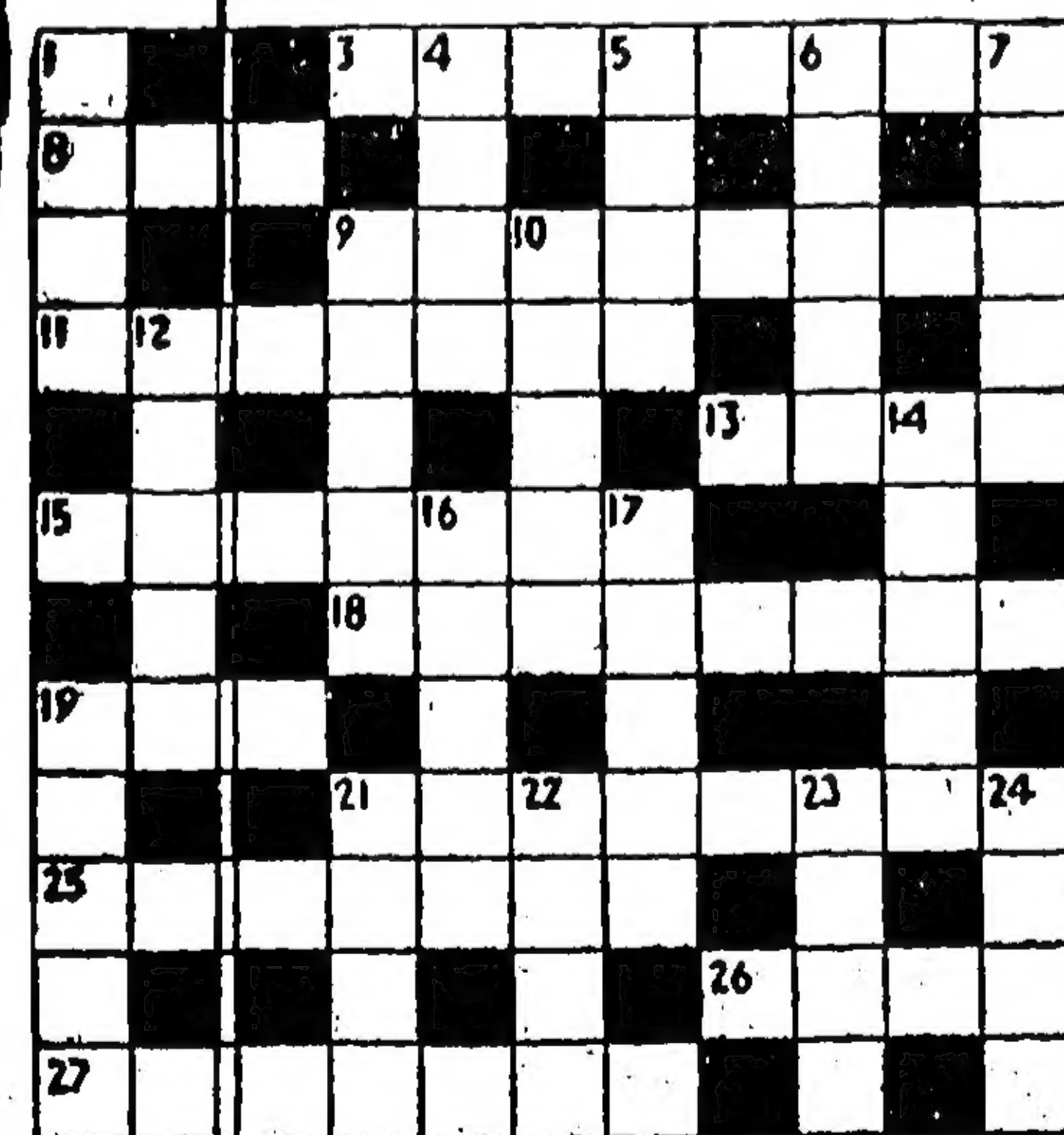
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16 Uncommon (8)
18 Schenck
21 Liberate
25 Passage
26 Quiet (8)
27 Surreptitious
- 1 Foreign coin (4)
2 Copied (4)
4 Sign (4)
5 In the middle of (4)
6 Morass (5)
7 Aroma (5)
9 Skiff (5)
10 False objections (5)
12 Drive back (5)
14 Corpulent (5)
16 Doomed (5)
17 Passenger ship (5)
18 Selects (5)
20 Concur (5)
21 Brook (4)
22 Lake (4)
23 Bird (4)
24 Discourage (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Famous, 4 Terms, 7 Separate, 9 Secede, 11 Largest, 13 Surveys, 15 Status, 18 Idiot, 21 Speed, 21 Sorter. Down: 2 Faint, 3 Orate, 3 By, 4 Tremor, 5 Reluctant, 6 States, 10 Carriage, 12 Assault, 14 Extend, 16 Actor, 17 Sugar.

AUSTRALIANS LAUNCH ATTACK IN MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 1.

Australian troops and guns went into action for the first time against Communist terrorists in north Malaya today.

The green-clad diggers moved out into the mountainous jungle of Kedah state in a drive against bands of terrorists.

They are the spearhead of the new anti-terrorist campaign which follows the breakdown of the Malayan Government talks with Communist leader Chin Peng last week.

Tonight, men of the second Battalion Royal Australian Regiment were in jungle bivouacs after moving to the Malayan mainland from their base on Penang Island early today.

Twenty artillery guns of the 105 field battery, Royal Australian Artillery, camped in a rubber estate, were harassing the

terrorists by shell fire on jungle targets.

Joint Headquarters

Director of operation is Lt.-Col. James Ochiltree, Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion. Col. Ochiltree has set up a joint headquarters with Malayan Police officers in a small Kedah town.

From this advanced base inside a barbed wire perimeter he will keep in radio contact with the jungle patrols.

Although the Australian infantry and gunners knew they would be going into action today, they did not allow the move to interfere with their celebrations last night to welcome the New Year.

Early this morning the heavily-loaded trucks crossed from Penang to the Malayan mainland at Butterworth and moved up the narrow roads through Malay villages, past green rice paddies and through rubber estates to their new positions.

The exact location of these bases is a military secret.—Reuter.

M. Faure's Message To France

Paris, Dec. 31.

The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, tonight addressed his New Year greetings to a France "which should be neither arrogant nor humiliated."

In the message over the French radio network, M. Faure said: "What I have to say to you is placed well outside the political quarrels which can momentarily divide us and is at the heart of what should always unite us—France."

"It is to France that I address, with you, my wishes for a happy New Year."

"May she, abroad, be worthy of her rank as a great power—neither arrogant and thinking that she can always solve everything by herself, nor humiliated and fearful at the same time of not being heard by others and of arousing their reactions."

M. Faure expressed his hope that France would translate into reality at home the words "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" and that the economic situation would continue to improve in an atmosphere of understanding.—Reuter.

Slight Fall In Major Crimes In US

Washington, Dec. 31.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said today that the number of serious crimes in the United States dropped a half of one per cent in 1955—the first decrease in eight years.

But 1954 had been a record year so "there is little cause for rejoicing," Mr. Hoover said in his annual report.

First figures showed there had been 2,255,000 major crimes in 1955.

"More than four serious offences have been committed every minute since January 1," his report said.

Available data showed increases in 1955 in rape, larceny and car thefts. But murder, aggravated assault, robbery and burglary dropped.

Mr. Hoover praised the work of informers who "brought us vital intelligence data from the core of subversive conspiracies, including the Communist underground. Their services have proved invaluable to the national security."

Information reported by "confidential informants" led to the arrest of 600 subjects of FBI cases in 1955. About 600 arrests were made by other law enforcement agencies on information from informers passed on by the FBI.—Reuter.

Ten Injured In Mystery Explosion

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 31.

Ten people were injured, some of them critically, and 12 firemen were overcome by fumes as a result of the mysterious explosion of an 880-pound bale of caustic soda this morning in a factory in Sao Goncalves, in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

The caustic soda exploded as it was being weighed and set fire to the factory.—France-Press.

RC Bishop Of Hanoi Arrested

Salgon, Dec. 31.

The Catholic Bishop of Hanoi, Monsignor Trinh Nhu, has been arrested by the North Vietnamese authorities and sent to a concentration camp, the South Vietnamese newspaper "Coch Man Quang Gia" (National Revolution) reported in Saigon today.

The newspaper said the Bishop had recently refused to allow a "delegation of Czech Communists, dressed as missionaries" to enter Hanoi Cathedral.

The newspaper alleged that the Czechs were "sent by the Russians to incite North Vietnam Catholics to abandon the Roman Catholic Church."—France-Press.

LONDON'S GAY WELCOME TO 1956

London, Jan. 1.

Londoners massed last night around the traditional vantage points of Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square to welcome 1956.

It was cold—but no rain fell to damp their gaiety. Many had come from evening parties, their balloons and streamers, flicking with colour the dense crowd beneath the neon lights which ring Piccadilly Circus.

At Trafalgar Square, the giant Christmas tree—only a small gift to London—provided a bright focal point between the famous fountains for the revellers.

Further east St. Paul's Cathedral claimed its traditional crowds enrobing the building as the last minutes of the old year ticked by.

This is the first New Year which Britons have been able to greet over commercial television. The commercial network relayed the Piccadilly Circus scene and the midnight chimes of Big Ben.

'1955 Did Much For Peace'—Dulles

Washington, Dec. 31.

The American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said in a formal New Year statement today that "the year 1955 has done much for peace."

The statement issued shortly after Mr. Dulles arrived in New York added: "At the 'summit' conference President Eisenhower showed the whole sincerity of our peaceful purpose."

"Germany entered into NATO and the SEATO and Baghdad pacts are now functioning in Asia. Thus the free world has done much to consolidate its position and to deter open war."

Mr. Dulles' statement continued: "Now the Soviet Communist rulers turn to other devices. We can be confident that these too will fail and that 1956 will further extend the influence of freedom in the world."—Reuter.

Western Diplomats At Kremlin New Year Party

Moscow, Dec. 31.

Western diplomats were among the guests here tonight as Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, played host at a glittering New Year party in the Kremlin.

The British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Cecil Parrott, the American Ambassador, Mr. Charles Bohlen, and the French Charge d'Affaires, M. Jean Laloy, were among the guests at the dinner which started at 11 p.m.

It was the first time that Government and Communist Party leaders had asked foreign diplomats to join them in their traditional celebration.

The Russian gesture was interpreted as a sign that the Soviet leaders wanted to show that they still regarded the "Geneva spirit," as alive despite recent "tough" speeches by Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party leader.

The diplomats, who included the heads of all missions here were accompanied by their wives but Western correspondents were excluded from the party.

Why Reporters Were Barred

This is the first time that resident Moscow correspondents have not received invitations to an official reception to which diplomats had been invited since the Kremlin leaders started entertaining foreigners as part of the "new look" policy towards the West.

The correspondents believe their exclusion from the New Year's Eve party might signify the end of the "free and easy" informal conversations with Premier Bulganin, the Communist Party Chief, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, and other top Soviet leaders.

Mr. F. Ilychev, the Foreign Ministry press department chief, told a Western correspondent that reporters definitely would not be invited. The decision to exclude correspondents follows the sharp sallies of Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, against what he called "slave writers of capitalism" whom he criticised several times.

AIRPORT STRIKERS BACK

Paris, Dec. 31.

French airport workers today voted to suspend their crippling seven-week old strike—which has cost Air France, the nationalised airline, an estimated £50,000 sterling a day—and go back to work on Tuesday.

But the French Civil Aviation Union, which represents most of the 3,000 striking ground staff, emphasised in a communiqué that the strike was only suspended and called on its members to be ready to stop work again if the new French Government tried to flout the workers' rights.—Reuter.

MOSCOW'S 'LET'S BE FRIENDS' PLEA TO BRITAIN

London, Dec. 31.

Moscow radio beamed a "let's be friends" New Year message of goodwill to Britain. A commentator said: "We are extremely glad that so much has been done in the past year to strengthen understanding between the Russians and the British."

"We have a great respect for the gifted hard working British people and want to be friends with them."—Reuter.

Its public service rival, the B.B.C., offered viewers a roundup of Soviet British contacts entitled "Tomorrow's Man."

A newborn baby from Wales and an atomic pile producing isotopes for medical use at Harwell provided the highlights.

Far north in Scotland the new year festival of Hogmanay is celebrated more exuberantly. "Scots' whistles" in London made up a big part of the crowds around St. Paul's—China Mail Special.

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LORD CHERWELL

By Les Armour

FREDERICK Alexander Lindemann, first Baron Cherwell of Oxford, is the nearest real life counterpart to the fictional "Man Behind the Government."

When men complain about the mysterious "They" who, somehow, possibly, control their destinies, they are probably visualising a cluster of men whose careers, superficially, parallel Lord Cherwell's.

Yet they would be wrong if they mistook him for one of those sinister characters out of old-fashioned tales of international intrigue.

It is true that his family came from Alsace, that he was educated at the University of Berlin, and that through the most perilous years of his country's history scarcely one major decision was taken on which he was not consulted.

It is true that he remains almost unknown to the public and yet has held high offices; that he has had an incalculable influence on the nation, and yet it is still impossible to say with any certainty "Cherwell did this" or "Cherwell did that."

Wide Field

IT is true that his activities have ranged over so wide a field that few men have been able to follow him with any assurance.

Lord Cherwell is one of the great atomic scientists of the age. He is also one of the great economists. And one of the great pioneers of modern aviation. But he is a man of immense modesty, a man whose brilliance is dazzling, a man whose personal courage is unsurpassed.

He has never sought power, and if he has had power it has been, largely, because he was the only man who could do the job.

His education took him to Berlin and to Paris, and he became a physicist in the exciting days when Rutherford and Einstein—on opposite sides of the world and working at opposite ends of the problems of physics—were laying bare a whole new world. While Rutherford probed the atom, Einstein took stock of the vastness of the universe.

Aircraft Spin

BUT it was not as a physicist that Frederick Lindemann first drew attention.

It was one cold and lonely day during World War One. Lindemann was an experimental pilot. The most difficult problem of aviation was the problem of aircraft spin. Many lives had been lost and countless man-

hours had gone into solving the deadly problem of the tail spin. Lindemann had one theory, Lindemann had another.

That day, in front of the assembled experts, he took up an airplane and deliberately threw it into a spin. In those days, that meant almost certain death.

But deftly he pulled it out. The demonstration proved his point and he went on to become Director of the Physical Laboratory at Farnborough.

He next emerged at a diametrically opposite corner of the field of human endeavour. In the postwar Baldwin government Winston Churchill became Chancellor of the Exchequer and remained Chancellor for the five years from 1924 to 1929.

Churchill never pretended to be an economist. Yet his direction of national finance was impeccable and his budget speeches were brilliant. He discussed them with only one man—Frederick Lindemann.

Lindemann, as then teaching physics at Oxford, was his principal adviser on economics. He remained Churchill's principal adviser on the two great fields of science and economics until two years before Churchill retired to the dismaying, sometimes of politicians and, in the last days, it is said, to the frustration of Mr. R. A. Butler, who was then Chancellor of the Exchequer.

In 1939, Lindemann became Professor of Experimental Philosophy at Oxford University. The term makes a plan, professorship of physics (Oxford is still dubious about sciences), but it brought with it control of Oxford's Clarendon Laboratory, one of the world's principal centres of scientific research.

Even then, however, Lindemann was sometimes restless. He was writing articles for national newspapers about the nation's air defence. He predicted the Battle of Britain, and he drew plans to combat an attack.

A Power

WHEN Churchill became Prime Minister in 1940, Lindemann became his personal assistant—and a power in the land. The next year Lindemann was created Baron Cherwell of Oxford (the Cherwell is one of Oxford's best loved rivers) and a year later he joined the Cabinet as Paymaster-General.

Long, long ago the Paymaster-General was the man who paid out all the government moneys. There has long ceased to be a Paymaster-General. The job was one of "general supervision." Cherwell was first adviser on science and economics.

He masterminded the scientific side of the war effort, pioneered atomic energy, plotted the long range view of the economy. He had an unsurpassed grasp of all three fields.

But still he shunned the limelight. He appeared only occasionally, and then to explain in clear, lucid terms that everyone could understand the facts and principles behind the advances of science and the administration of government.

After the war and Churchill's political defeat, he went back to Oxford. Occasionally, again, he came out of academic seclusion

to write a blistering article in a national newspaper about what he thought was the inefficiency and the woolly-headed idealism of the Socialist government.

But he was never a reactionary. Once he was invited by a bankers' magazine to write about the Welfare State.

He startled the bankers by announcing: "If the people want these social services then, of course, they should have them." Then he set out what ought to be the aim of Conservatives: to provide an even better Welfare State; to provide it more efficiently; and to provide it without stifling the economy. He saw no reason, in theory, why it ought not to be done. He made it clear then, and on other occasions, that the job of any government is to do what the people want, provided that it is possible, and to do it as efficiently as possible.

To Serve

HE has never tried to direct the affairs of state except when he has felt that the public has failed to notice an impending peril, and then he has contented himself with advising the facts. The function of the expert, he holds, is to serve.

In 1951 he came back into the government—again as Paymaster-General and again, as Churchill told the Commons, as "supervisor, minister."

It was then that he began to revolutionise Britain's atomic programme. He cut through red tape, took the Atomic Energy Authority out of the civil service and made it a public corporation, run as a business.

He planned the atomic power station programme which put Britain ahead of the world, and he streamlined the defence side of atomic production.

Time and time again he fought with the professional civil servants and time and time again he won.

He continued to live his quiet, bachelor life. Most week-ends he went back to Oxford, where he has four comfortable but plain rooms in Christ Church College.

And he continued to stay out of the public eye. The men the public got to know were his subordinates in the atomic energy programme—Sir William Penney and Sir John Cockcroft.

He was, for a time at least, as much responsible for the direction of the economy as Mr. Butler. But the public never knew it.

Hard At Work

IN 1953, he resigned from the government and went back to Oxford back to the Clarendon Laboratory.

There were several reasons. He saw himself primarily as a man of thought. He saw the atomic energy programme in thoroughly capable hands and the economy under the ever more sure touch of Mr. Butler.

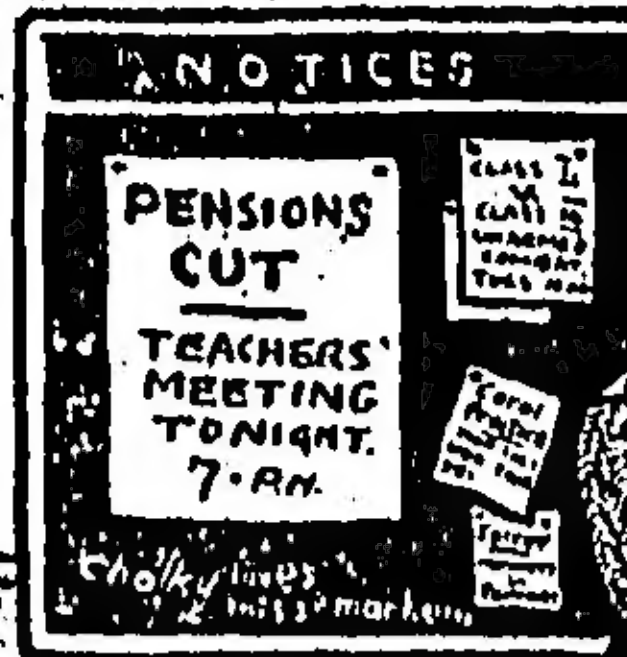
More than that, perhaps, he saw the time had come to turn to theoretical work. The theory of nuclear physics is still in a muddle. No one has yet solved the problem of turning thermonuclear conversion (the power behind the H-bomb) to productive use.

In the theory of public economics, neither party has anything to offer except time-worn solutions.

At 68, he is still hard at work. And the world has not yet heard the last of him.



CHERWELL



"Yes, Mr. Hogswistle, I did cuff your boy yesterday. And if he tips me sixpence for marking his books again I shall repeat the process."

London Express

THEY SAY THE FEUD NEVER DIES ON THE BIG KNIFE

by LEONARD MOSLEY

AT certain times every year poisonous scorpions turn upon themselves in self-revelation and sting themselves to death.

What follows is proof that this acute form of self-criticism is not confined to insects—for it is the account of the extraordinary urge of a whole community to torment itself to the point of desperation.

In America a novel called "THE DEER PARK," which deals with the pangs, pains, and hand-wringings of this community, has been on the best-seller lists for eight weeks.

In America a play called "WILL SUCCESS SPOIL ROCK HUNTER?" which savages the same community with satire is a smash hit on Broadway.

THE TARGET

IN America the film fans of the nation are flocking to see a picture called "THE BIG KNIFE."

And the target of them all is Hollywood—where, it is said, the feud never dies on the Big Knife.

There has never been a film like "THE BIG KNIFE" before. It is a film which cuts the heart of Hollywood open—and lets it bleed.

Its characters are film people. It is a story of hard hearts, mean minds and downright wickedness.

But let no one accuse Mr. Rank of anti-Hollywood bias for showing it in his cinemas. For it was made in Hollywood by Hollywood stars and technicians.

"The Big Knife" started life as a play by Clifford Odets.

(His London production "lifted Diane Cilento to stardom.")

All the major Hollywood studios put in bids for the film rights. An independent company, headed by Robert Aldrich, finally secured it—and made sure that it reached the screen with all its devastating criticism of Hollywood intact.

The result is such a savage attack upon the way in which the film industry is run that most of the big executives—the main targets of the film—prophesied that (a) it would not run, and (b) people would not believe it.

It has and they do.

For "The Big Knife" is only part of a concerted, but quite different-from-usual, campaign against the complexities of Hollywood which is intriguing the American public at the moment. Different from usual?

Yes, because though this campaign is being waged on three different levels and uses three different weapons—the people who have initiated the campaign are all close-to-Hollywood types themselves.

Anti-Hollywood Campaign No. 1 is being waged through a book written by Norman Mailer, whose earlier best-seller, "The Naked and the Dead," is being made into a film. His new one, "THE DEER PARK," is brutally frank about Hollywood.

THE VILLAIN

ANTI-HOLLYWOOD Campaign No. 2 is being waged through the theatre—and is exemplified by a comedy-with-a-kidney-punch "WILL SUCCESS SPOIL ROCK HUNTER?" The author is George Axelrod, whose

previous play, "The Seven Year Itch," was made into a film starring Marilyn Monroe.

Anti-Hollywood Campaign No. 3 is "The Big Knife" itself.

All three have the same villain. He is the head of a Hollywood film studio. In "The Deer Park" he crushes his employees like flies. He tricks and cheats. He has several nameless vices—and some pretty named ones too.

The villain in "Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?" is used as a figure of fun. But though all the other characters mock him behind his back, they lick his boots when he points his toe at them and tells them.

But the attack on Hollywood really comes to full flower in "The Big Knife." The villain here is more villainous than the other two put together.

His name is Stanley Hoff in the film. He is a demon king in a Sunday suit. He looks like an advertisement for an understanding undertaker. He has distinguished grey hair and is always conservatively dressed. He speaks as quietly and sympathetically as if his tongue were still wet from sipping the milk of human kindness.

He wears a hearing aid to give himself a fatherly look—though he doesn't really need it.

Mr. Hoff, as he shows up in this film, looks like a church mouse—and behaves like a rat.

But he is not the only nasty character. The so-called hero (Jack Palance) is a big star who gets drunk, kills a child with his car—and lets a minor studio employee take the rap.

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF ONE FILM STAR... This is how they 'sell' The Big Knife.

These are the men and women in the life of one film star, played in the picture by Jack Palance: (1) STUDIO HEAD—He had to be respectable at any cost. (2) HIS YES-MAN—the smiler with the knife. (3) The star's FRIEND—loyal, helpful—that made it tough. (4) WIFE—She knew he would never be true to one woman. (5) STARLET—a perfect pet for a Hollywood star. (6) PLAY GIRL—She lived everywhere—but home. (7) COLUMBIET—She picked up dirt like a vacuum cleaner. (8) AN AGENT—He'd do anything for 10 per cent.

His wife (Ida Lupino is an incisive, lip-chewer-tearing neurotic).

The girl for whom are expected to be played by Shelley Long is a starlet whose dream is a night out with a and a bottle—any man any bottle.

And, since this isn't the truth about itself, it is far from triumphant at end. The hero ends up body lolling in a bath, with throat cut. The starlet ends under a bus.

The villainous chief (a masterly study Rod Steiger), who has black-mailing one and ng to murder the other, goes off unscathed in search someone else whose can twist.

THE MESSE

IS Hollywood really ruthless, and evil as book, and play say it is?

Hollywood, in a on of self-torture, insists it is. The message of "The Knife" seems to be—

"Film fans of the world—take a close look at us. We, the film people of Hollywood, are the characters we up are shown on the screen. The kind of people we are. Once we were nice, decent, and, as respectable as your neighbour. But out to the power gods in our studios, and they've us into lick-spittles and scorpions, stinging to death.

What is Hollywood to do—just deal back-lash and respectability? I hope it doesn't go too far like the scorpion, stinging to death.

The Galloping Lady Loses A Crl

By ANNA LANDAU

IF in 1907 a young woman possessed both a social conscience and a horse, she had two good qualifications for becoming a FANY. For in that year the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry was born, the brainchild of a certain Captain Baker.

It had occurred to Captain Baker, who had been wounded in the Sudan, that "there was a missing link somewhere in the Ambulance Department." The gap was filled—by the galloping nurses. They were to give aid on the battlefield till the horse ambulances arrived.

Insulted as suffragettes, despite their patriotic uniform of red tunic, white gloves and blue skirt, the "Monsieur Regiment of Women" really got going with the 1914-18 war. For two years they ran a hospital at Calais, where they cared for 4,000 Belgian troops.

Dame Irene Ward, who has written the official history of the FANYs, remarks that the British nurses always knew how to be good mixers—"one of the best stand-bys when life is difficult"—so it is not surprising that they had so many "pursuers." Particularly one girl, which found its way one day into a patient's bowl of food and was swallowed. "Great distress was caused by the crows but greater was the jubilation when W. the next morning announced the recovery of the lost treasure."

Somewhere in the Services' ambulance department there was a 'missing link' until one day Captain Baker had a brainwave.

Heaman, whose main attraction seemed to be that she always wore immaculate white spats, entirely against regulations, they "provided atmosphere."

Although the FANY motto was "I Cope," they were often disconcerted; sometimes by phrases like "Let the sleeping men sleep" from a Belgian doctor.

There were, often, minor disasters in civilian guise. In the typhoid wards. One of the nursing ladies wore "a charming" dress, and not be mixed into obliteration with the ATS.

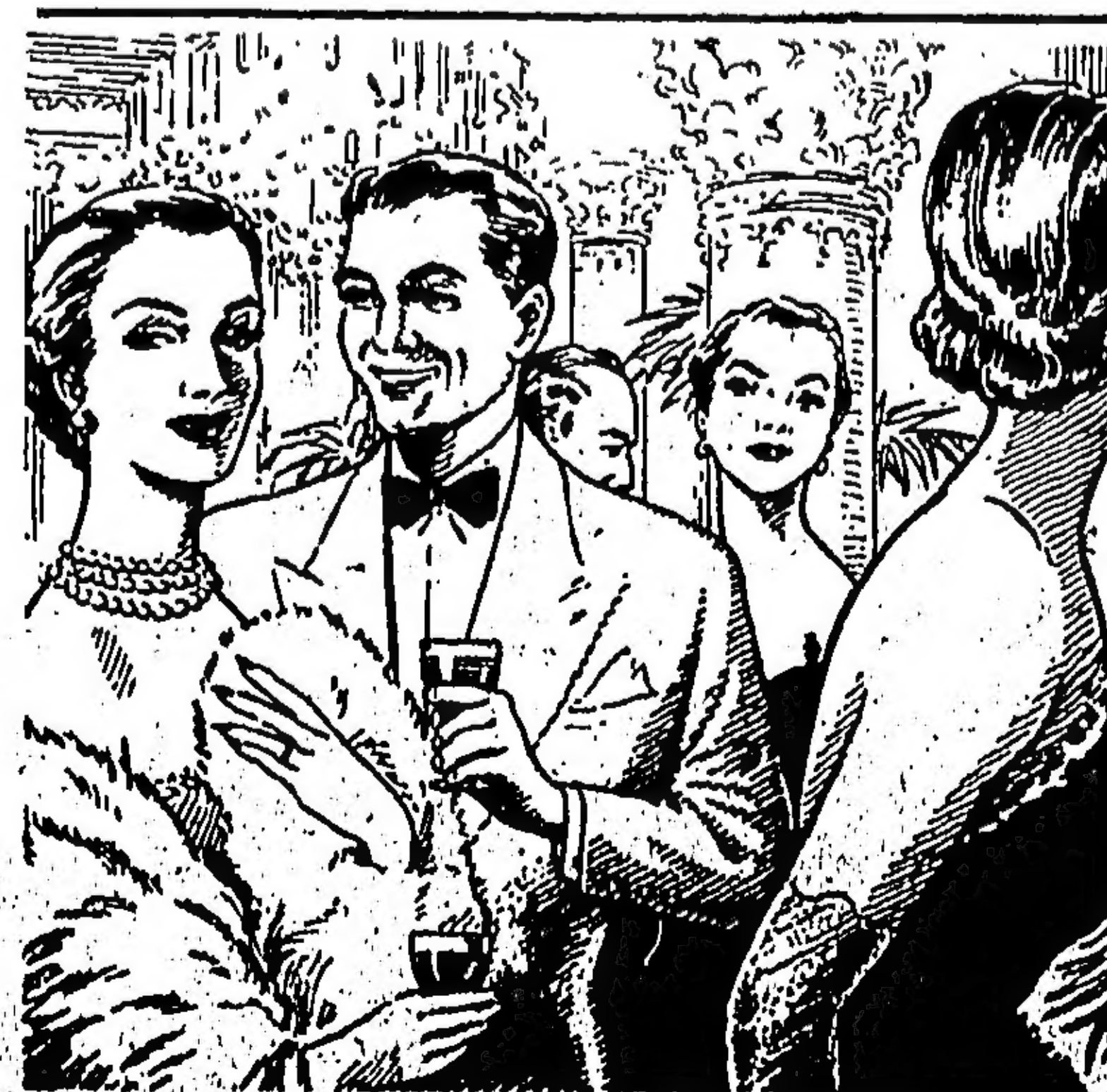
the secret service. The decision to recruit for underground work taken in April 1942. D. Irene doubts whether the Cabinet were fully aware of their decision involved a thinks that had they don't they would have refused fusion.

But this was not the "historic disregard" the tradition that women would be used on this woman among the women who became as secret agents wOdette Churchill, Christine Inville, and the Australian N.Wake, who organised 7,000 in and returned to Australia after political battles at Dr. Ewart, the Labour le.

Political battles to be fought in Britain, over the vote to gain "pardon for accident arising out of office in the Far East."

It was of this that the FANYs—though operating under the title of Women's Support Service—changed their to to refuse. Just as the allies unconquered.

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SOUTH CHINA 3, ARMY 1

TENACIOUS MARKING OF ARMY DEFENDERS SPOILT SOUTH CHINA'S ATTACKS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

A magnificent individual performance by Ho Cheung-yau at the Hongkong Stadium on Saturday saw South China through to a vital victory that was never by any means a certainty until they notched their third goal when the second half was well underway.

The soldiers did the bulk of the pressing and over the whole game enjoyed the major territorial advantage. South China were always dangerous in their forward movements but the tenacious marking of the Army defenders prevented the Caroline Hill boys from showing their customary frills in attack.

Charlesworth in the Army goal had a brilliant afternoon and several of his clearances were foolproofing of the very highest order.

In the end South China just deserved their victory but there must have been times in the first half when the hearts sang a secret anthem to the wood-work around their goal. Morris ship had a grand battle with Kwok Yung-kee never enjoyed the luck that his play deserved.

Once in the first half he had the sad experience of seeing a brilliant header rebound from the face of the right-hand post with Lam King-chung well aware and a few minutes later to again beat the goalkeeper all out up with a right foot shot only to see it hit the opposite upright.

CUP OF WOE

This did not finish the soldiers' cup of woe for Haydock cut his way through the South China defence but once again his point blank shot hit the post.

During all this time, however, the changing of the guard to teams still and their quicksilver forwards had given them a com-

fortable two-goal lead. The first came after 15 minutes when Ho Cheung-yau escaped the clutches of Mullett for just long enough to bang one past Charlesworth.

The second goal was the result of a series of mistakes by Army players. While misdirected a pass in mid-field and Chan King-choi immediately hit the ball through the middle. Crompton seemed to have a chance to get it away but elected to carry it out to the wing. He was dispossessed; McInnes misdirected the ball came across the field and in a flash Yiu Cheuk-yin had it in the net.

A few minutes later the South China lead was reduced to a solitary goal. Haydock raced into the goalmouth and it seemed certain that he would score but in an effort to clear left-back Kwok Kam-hung swung his foot at the ball and sent it into his own goal.

The second half was fought out at the same cracking pace as the first one and the remorseless marking of the defenders kept both forward lines up a tight rein.

South China had several chances to increase their lead before Ho Cheung-yau finally

got the goal that sealed the game. Lee Yuk-tak who had a very poor afternoon wasted several good opportunities and when he did get his shot in, he was foiled by fine goalkeeping from Charlesworth.

South China have improved out of all recognition in recent weeks and are now playing the kind of football that gets results against any kind of opposition. They have consolidated their defence and their brilliant forward quintette are unequalled in Colony football.

Lau King-cheung, Kwok Kam-hung, Yiu Cheuk-yin, and

awa abune them a Ho Cheung-yau, were the stars of the winners' side.

MAJOR SHARE

The whole Army defence played well and if Charlesworth claimed the major share of the lion's light, Haydock's success against Mok Chan-wah was also a grand performance. Mullett took on the thankless task of watching Ho Cheung-yau and he did it with refreshing fairness and considerable success.

Up front the soldiers played second fiddle to their Chinese counterparts.

Morris worked like a Trojan. He enjoyed little success and even less luck but he never gave up trying. White worked the ball well but his distribution was indifferent while Haydock was never quite the same after an accidental clash of heads with Luk Tak-hay in the first half. McInnes as usual worked without respite to saving the game for his side but Cheternan had a poor afternoon on the right wing.

The game was excellently handled by Referee Gizey who deserves a special pat on the back for his precision and tact.

VERDICT

A grand hard game that gave the big crowd some refreshing soccer entertainment. Ho Cheung-yau is fast becoming the Stanley Matthews of Hongkong football. No matter how closely he is marked he can still influence the course of a game and like the famous Stanley he never resorts to anything of a doubtful nature irrespective of the defensive octopus that is wrapped around him. He is indeed a great player.

TEAMS

Army: Charlesworth, Hogan, Tolroy, McInnes, Crompton, Mullett, Cheternan, White, Morris, Haydock, McMillan.
South China: Lau King-cheung, Lau Chi-ping, Kwok Kam-hung, Luk Tak-hay, Kwok Yung-kee, Chan Chi-kong, Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yuk-tak, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

Dillard Named Top Amateur Athlete In US

New York, Dec. 31. Harrison Dillard, the 1952 Olympic 110 Metres Hurdles Champion, was today named winner of the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy for 1955 as the outstanding amateur athlete in the United States.

In a vote by 658 nation-wide sport authorities Dillard received a total of 1,375 points—111 points more than second placed Mrs Patricia McCormick, the 1952 Olympic Springboard Diving Champion.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Programme and Entry Forms for the 5th Race Meeting 1955/56 to be held on Saturday, 14th January, 1956, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 4th January, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

ANOTHER WORLD-BEATER



A new picture received from Australia of 19-year-old Ashley Cooper in play during one of his recent matches. He has beaten Rosewall and Hoad, and many Australians reckon that he is going to be a world beater—they say he is a year more advanced than Frank Sedgman.—Central Press Photo.

Wolves Suffer Their First Home Defeat Since Christmas 1954

London, Dec. 31.

For Wolverhampton Wanderers, the former English Football League Champions, the last few hours of 1955 broke a proud record.

They lost 2-0 to lowly placed Cardiff, their first defeat at home this year—in fact the first since Christmas 1954.

Cardiff's deserved win after a goalless first half was a complete upset of form as the Wolves thrashed Cardiff 9-1 when they met in Wales three months ago.

Welsh International centre-forward Trevor Ford, who recently had a spell in the reserve team, played a big part in Cardiff's win and netted the second goal.

The leaders in all four sections of the English League retained their positions though Sheffield Wednesday, who held Division Two, lost to Bristol Rovers.

Manchester United's brilliant young team go into 1956 with a clean lead of four points in their bid for First Division Championship honours. Before a crowd of over 60,000—a post-war record for ground—they overcame their neighbours, Manchester City by 2-1.

WON ON MERIT

Jack Dyson, who plays cricket for Lancashire in the summer, put Manchester City ahead at half time, but United found their form afterwards and won on merit through goals by little Tommy Taylor and Denis Viollet. They now have 34 points from 26 games.

Blackpool retained second place though they were fortunate to hold Sunderland to a goalless draw as Charlie Fleming, the home side's inside-right, shot over the bar from a penalty in the closing minutes.

The recent good run by Luton, who are a point behind Blackpool in third place, seemed likely to end when they trailed by two goals at home against Everton, but they recovered to snatch a 2-2 draw.

Charlton Athletic surrendered fourth place through their unexpected 2-1 home defeat by Tottenham Hotspur in an all-London clash. This eased Tottenham's immediate relegation fears.

Newcastle United, Cup holders and the only First Division side to gain maximum six points from the Christmas holiday programme, went down 3-1 at Burnley but were without full-

KMB 3, KWONG WAH 2

Though Beaten, Kwong Wah Left Behind Memories Of A Grand Fighting Team

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Ten minutes of furious, rampaging, dashing soccer decided the fate of yesterday's First Division Soccer League match between the Kowloon Motor Bus and Kwong Wah at the Hongkong Football Club.

These were the ten minutes of the second half which gave the Busmen a 3-2 victory and the Kwong Wah side their biggest disappointment, for they came so near and yet so far away to getting the equaliser that would have tied the score.

But the narrow defeat to Kwong Wah is not completely wasted. For the thousands of the Colony soccer fans, they left behind the memory of a grand, fighting team.

Undoubtedly the Busmen were superior to their rivals in ball control, approach work, combination. Beside them, the Kwong Wah players were not at all impressive at times, but this was only temporary supremacy. Once Kwong Wah's forwards crashed in two snap goals in less than five minutes—the first goal by right-winger David Hsu in the 34th minute, the second by left-winger Lo Sau-fook in the 37th minute—they gave their opponents plenty to worry about till the final whistle.

NO LUCK

Luck made its intention clear against Kwong Wah from the opening whistle for their forwards—Cheng Ming-chu, David Hsu and Woo Chui-chong—missed the mark by inches.

And luck deserted the fighting men again in the second half. With the score at 3-2 in favour of Kowloon Motor Bus, Kwong Wah on two occasions had Wai Fat-kim beaten, but their forwards were either punished for offside or in their eagerness to score were guilty of obstructing the Busmen defences and goalkeepers.

Heroes of the game? They all belong to Kowloon Motor Bus. Lee Chun-fat at inside-left, who suffered a recurrence of an old shoulder blade injury, played like a man of iron and in spite of his carrying his arm to lessen the pain, he did a brilliant job in distributing the ball around.

Right-back Hung Hing-yuk saved at least two certain goals in the crucial stage when Kwong Wah needed a goal to level the scores and on his left there was Sze Yiu clearing the ball time and again when Kwong Wah unleashed their fury, and lastly Tang Sun for his sound defence. His 44th first half goal probably saved the Busmen from a drawn match.

Yesterday a draw would jeopardize the chances of Kowloon Motor Bus, lying fourth in the League, and defeat might even mean despair. So one can see how important a role the Busmen faced in this match.

The chance to Kwong Wah of a drawn match evaporated with their two near misses in the closing stages when Lo Sau-fook and Woo Chui-chong fumbled in front of goal.

IMPROVED

This year, Kwong Wah are reported to have improved to a point which, many believe, would carry them through to finish in the first five in the League.

Kwong Wah came very close to opening the score in the first five minutes when Cheng Ming-chu's pile driver saw Wai Fat-kim, the Busmen custodian, punching to clear. The ball rolled back to Cheng and in a flash, the Kwong Wah centre-forward hooked it just out with Wai drawn out of position.

The opening goal came in the 22nd minute. It resulted from a misunderstanding between Kwong Wah's Teo Kam-hung and custodian Jimmy Chang who waited for the other to move. Before they could make up their minds, KMB's Tang Yee-kai took it away from them to leisurely walk the ball home.

Luck was with the Busmen in the 24th minute when Kwong Wah's Kwok Cheuk-cheung nearly beat Wai Fat-kim with a first timer. This chance came to Kwong Wah when KMB's Sze Yiu's miskick saw the ball curving dangerously goalwards and Kwok was in the air to boot the ball over the crossbar.

The Busmen were back in the attack and in force from the 33rd minute onwards. Right-winger Sze Yiu and Lam Kam-tong brought the best out

of Jimmy Chang with their sizzling drives that went smack into the Kwong Wah goalkeeper. When it appeared that the interval would arrive with only a goal on the scoreboard, Kwong Motor Bus made it two up, thanks to Tang Sun whose long range shot gave Jimmy Chang no chance.

SECOND HALF

Kwong Wah started the second half in promising fashion with their left-winger, Lo Sau-fook crashing in a stiff shot that hit Wai Fat-kim squarely. This early supremacy by Kwong Wah players, unfortunately, lasted for only a brief period for the Busmen went to work in earnest from the 10th minute.

A Lam Kam-tong-Sze Yiu combination ended with Lam skying the ball and two minutes later left-winger, Kwan King-sum booted the ball into Jimmy Chang's hands.

Kowloon Motor Bus would have increased their score in the 14th minute had Kwan King-sum not kept the ball to himself. There was an unmarked Tang Yee-kai on his right but instead of doing what was proper, Kwan feebly pushed the ball which was not fast enough to beat the Kwong Wah custodian.

Shoer had luck deprived Kwong Wah of a goal in the 17th minute when David Hsu's random shot rested at the back of the net. Referee Walker ruled it a no goal as the ball had rolled over the line even before Hsu lifted his foot.

Third goal for the Busmen came the very next minute.

Tang Yee-kai crossed the ball right on the feet of Kwan King-sum who had no difficulty at all to beat Jimmy Chang.

It took Kwong Wah a full 15 minutes before their hard work and perseverance earned them their first goal in the 34th minute. A move started by left-winger Lo Sau-fook gave David Hsu the opening to beat Wai Fat-kim.

Kwong Wah scored again in the 37th minute. In a sudden raid they slipped past the KMB defence and a pass from Cheng Ming-chi saw Lo Sau-fook nudging the net with a beautiful goal.

This signalled the beginning of a hectic spell in which the Kwong Wah forwards threw everything they had left in them for the equaliser. And they were so threatening that the Busmen bunched up in front of goal to ward off raid after raid. With a little bit of luck with them, Kwong Wah would have succeeded to even terms had their forwards brought along their shooting boots.

TEAMS

KMB: Wai Fat-kim; Hung Hing-yuk; Sze Yiu; Tang Sun; Lam Tim; Poon Kai-hong; Sze Yiu; Lam Kam-tong; Tang Yee-kai; Lee Chin-fat; Kwan King-sum.

Kwong Wah: Jimmy Chang; Shi Kam-hung; Tam Chun-fai; Ma Man-hung; Teo Kam-hung; Fung Nai-tong; David Hsu; Kwok Cheuk-cheung; Cheng Ming-chi; Woo Chui-chong; Lo Sau-fook.

MCC Gain First Innings Lead Over Strong Governor General's XI

Karachi, Dec. 31.

Some remarkably consistent bowling by Tony Lock, the Surrey and England spinner who took five for 31, helped the MCC gain a first innings lead of 28 runs over the strong Governor General's XI on the second day of their four-day match here today.

After making a modest 163 yesterday, the MCC attack fought back splendidly today to dismiss the home side for 135. At the close, the tourists were 26 for one wicket in their second innings.

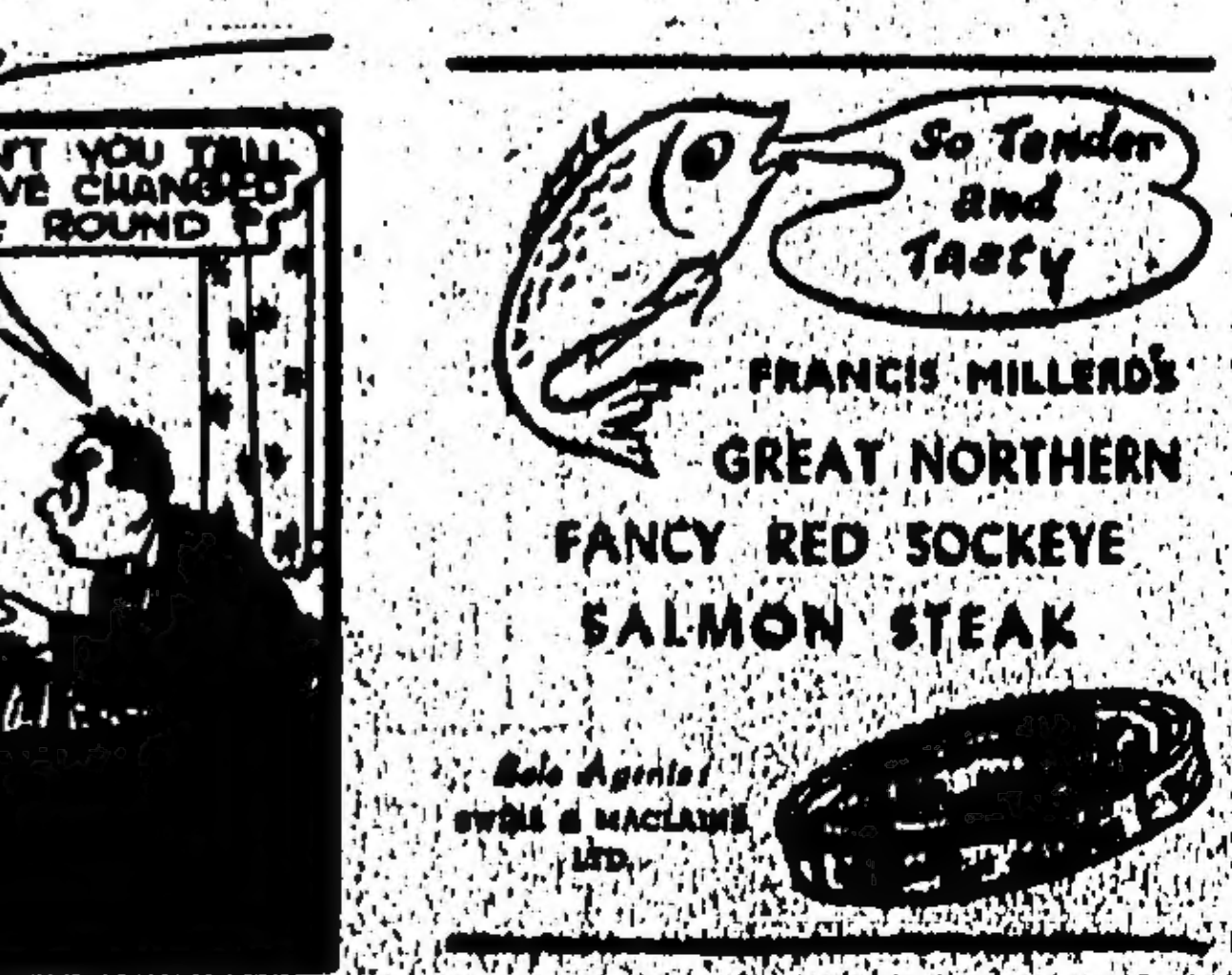
SCOREBOARD

MCC 1st Innings 163	
(F. Titmus 45, Fazal Mahmood 48)	
Second Innings	
P. E. Richardson not out	7
D. B. Close c Mathias b Lock	16
Fazal Mahmood	16
H. W. Stephenson not out	3
Total (for one wkt.)	20
Close	
Fall of Wickets: 1-23.	
Bowling to date: Fazal Mahmood 5-2-0-1; Mahmood Hussain: 5-0-17-0.	
Governor General's XI	
First Innings:	
Hamid Mohammed lbw b Lock	17
Ahmaduddin b Moss	2
Shauquddin c Close b Lock	0
Waqar Hassan c Carr b Moss	1
Imtiaz Ahmed c Stephenson b Lock	3
A. H. Kardar c Carr b Lock	17
Wazir Mohammed c Close b Titmus	29
Wazir Mathias c Stephenson b Lock	24
Fazal Mahmood not out	28
Zulfiqar Ahmed c Richardson b Titmus	8
Mahmood Hussain b Moss	1
Extras	10
Total	135
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-16, 3-20, 4-21, 5-34, 6-44, 7-103, 8-111, 9-125.	
Bowling: Moss 19-5-48-3; Wazir 17-9-10-0; Lock 28-20-51-5; Titmus 19-6-120-2; Close 8-5-47-0.—Reuter.	

THE GAMBOLS



by Barry Appleby



THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOURTH RACE MEETING

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THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES.
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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

CONTEMPORARY TREND IN
POTTERY AND GLASSWARE
Many New Designs Will Be On View

At British Industries Fair

By Meriel Capon

Formerly assistant editor of "Pottery and Glass"
London

The British pottery and glassware industries can no longer be called the most conservative in the world. They retain their traditional craftsmanship but production methods are changing—and what they make is tempered by the wind of contemporary thought.

The modern movement has brought to Stoke-on-Trent and Southbridge, London, 54 separate design studios, the five main centres of these trades—a re-discovery of simple form.

The 18th century founders of the potteries knew that functional shapes were usually beautiful shapes and so potteries whose designs go back more than 150 years have little need for radical change.

Some of the best examples of traditional styles in bone china will be seen on the Royal Crown Derby stand at the first 1956 British Industries Fair (Earls Court, London, February 22-March 2) where the setting will be as fine as the china.

If designs like these cannot be surpassed they can be equalled and several factories are now producing bone china tableware for export in modern shapes which are simple and elegant.

"Panorama" Range

Earthenware makes the kind of pottery which is used every day in almost every home.

It is not expensive and is not expected to last for ever and so it has always been more subject to fashion than bone china.

Most of Stoke's recent progress has been in earthenware for the table and for ornaments.

Simplification and streamlining of shapes have been undertaken in many of the earthenware potteries.

specialty commissioned artist's work is a striking set of animal figures modelled by Arnold Muchin for Thomas Lawrence.

The domestic glass industry produces a wide range of hand and automatically made ware, selling at a wide range of prices.

Generally traditional shapes and designs are preferred for cut glass though simpler modern patterns are being introduced in small quantities.

Glass decorated by the Walford Glass Company Ltd will also be on show. The deep, clear colours achieved in glass suit contemporary furnishing schemes and many firms are developing coloured lines.

Colour Stressed

Colour is also being stressed in pressed glassware, whether for open use or hand pressed into decorative shapes.

Sowerby's Elision Glass Works Ltd and Geo. Davidson and Company Ltd will both be showing many coloured or coloured pieces.

Care in design is improving the appearance of pressed glass. It is less inclined to copy old glass and an opaque effect obtained by sand-blasting is an interesting alternative to the clear colours.

By the use of silk-screen prints in glass decoration, the design is fired on and so lasts as long as the glass.

Outlines are clear and colours bright and Clayton Mayers and Company Ltd. is preparing many novelty designs for inexpensive wine glasses boxed in sets.

Many glass and pottery firms, including Royal Crown Derby, have designed attractive boxes for small, decorative items, such as jam dishes and figures, and these special gift packs will be well featured at the BIF.

Plain glasses in strong fashionable shades are much used and manufacturers including Grimwades Ltd are combining plain colour in hollowware with patterned saucers and plates.

Innovations

Innovations in manufacture have been largely in better controlled firing and speedier production.

An outstanding example is George Wade and Son Ltd's new high-speed, mass production process of modelling miniature figures. This process brings down the price and the success of the first sets of Whimsies—detailed miniatures of animals—has led to a new "hut-box" series.

The first box of Disney figures from "The Lady and the Tramp," sold in a striped hut-box pack, will be shown at the Fair.

In ornamental ware, known to the trade as "fancies," the BIF will mark the appearance in reasonably priced earthenware of vases and jugs, bowls and dishes influenced by Scandinavian shapes.

The Howard Pottery Company Ltd is showing three-cornered and asymmetrical designs in plain and two-tone matt surfaced "finishes" which will match modern furnishing shades.

The influence of current interest in flower arrangement will be seen in vases like the matt-surfaced white range, decorated with a budgerigar, from Thomas Lawrence (London) Ltd.

The Longton New Art Pottery and Shaw and Copeland Ltd will have many new lines decorated with flowers and woodland scenes.

Figure modelling has retained its supremacy in the potteries.

The prestige of artist and designer is increasing in Stoke and a recent example of



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The Monarch, the world's largest cable laying ship, had completed the first half of the historic project, by laying 1,940 nautical miles of cable from Newfoundland to Scotland—this the largest submarine cable operation ever attempted.

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AMERICAN ECONOMY

New Highs Expected
In All Branches
Of Industry

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Jan. 1.

The US will set new highs in business activity this year, according to prevailing opinion.

Despite the appearance of some "soft spots" in the economy, experts here are generally agreed that the nation will enjoy its highest levels of activity, the largest national output and the greatest volume of production.

Few if any see a rise in the fast-stopping 1955 pace. The experts anticipate about a four to five per cent rise this year.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that last half 1955 should do better than the second half. The variation between the highs and the lows is not expected to be marked. This year many feel the trend will probably show some irregularities, unlike 1955 which moved steadily upward.

But any tapering off in last half 1955 will not mean that the boom is over. The New Year will still be a propitious one, best ever, say the experts, today.

Forecast

Here's the forecast for 1956:
• Gross national product, the total of goods and services produced in the US will exceed for the first time on record \$400,000,000,000 compared with an estimated \$388,000,000,000 in 1955.

• Total business spending—higher than in 1955, despite an expected drop in the number of new housing starts ranging to 10 per cent below the current pace. But plant and equipment expenditures may show a rise of about 1 per cent, probably setting an all-time high.

• Inventories, some increase in wholesale prices and in the cost of living is anticipated. Farm products will continue under some pressure. Retail prices will probably show relative steadiness with some small price increases possible.

Some experts minimize the possibility that movements of spot prices will be as extreme as they were in 1955.

Many observers feel that some pressure on business activity may now be in the long run a healthy development for the economy in that it will tend to wipe some of the excesses of the current boom.

• Automobiles—Most experts think auto production will not reach the 1955 output of

\$2,000,000 cars. Industry leaders are on record as forecasting a production drop ranging to 10 per cent below last year's record output. Production this year will probably reach somewhere between 0.5 to 0.6 million autos. Some observers feel auto sales may be off by from 10 to 12 per cent, they look for higher spending for non-durable goods to bring overall total to a new high.

• Industrial production—expected to rise to about 142 or about 143 in the Federal Reserve index against an estimated average of 130 (1947-49 equals 100) for 1955.

Steel

• Steel—production this year will probably be at the neighborhood of last year's record output of 117 million tons, even if auto production dips. Demand for defence and civilian construction, in addition to the backlog of orders on hand, will help keep steel mills humming at a fast pace. Steel prices are expected to rise this year, with the hikes on some items forecast for early in 1956 and after the July wage talks.

• Employment—at or near the current "full-employment" ceiling.

• Government spending—total government spending will probably average higher than in 1955. The backlog of demand for schools, highways, hospitals, etc. should help keep state and municipal expenditures at a high level.

• Farm income—generally expected to hold at possibly slightly above current level. Farm income for 1955 was about \$1,000,000,000 below the 1954 level. The most important element in the picture is the change in price support levels for major crops that are implied in present legislation. With these uncertainties in mind, some observers venture the forecast that farmers' net income may be down as much as 5 per cent.

Consumer Spending

• Consumer spending—considered by many a vital element in judging 1956 prospects. Disposable income is now higher and savings are at a record level. And consumers show no definite trend toward cutting down on their buying habits. Some economists predict a further increase of about 8 billion in 1956, on top of the estimated advance of 15 billion in 1955. Some feel that while consumers may not be able to maintain the 1955 buying pace, they will certainly

be able to keep close to it, probably diverting some of their funds from purchases of autos and homes to such things as more costly vacations, health and recreational requirements.

• Stock market prices—generally stronger price pattern is forecast by market experts, although caution reflected in some circles; many emphasize the uncertainty that might develop should President Eisenhower decide not to become a candidate for the presidency next year. But even here there is no unanimity. Some feel that no matter what the President decides to do, the Congress—now dominated by the Democratic Party—will certainly do what is politically expedient to give any sag in the economy a lift. Profits and dividends are expected to be high next year, with net income of all corporations expected to reach a new record high of \$22,500,000,000 compared with \$21,300,000,000 for 1955.

Smaller Advance

In forecasting a smaller advance for 1956, most observers note that while some segments of the economy may move lower, other segments will take up the slack to make for a good year on the whole.

It is felt in many quarters that there is still room for a tremendous growth in the US economy. On that basis, Americans are not looking for a depression. They're looking forward to lots of work and good things to buy. —United Press.

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Ceylon has asked China to allow the Polish vessel Hugokollat to remain in Colombo a few more days so that it can load the last of the rubber due China under the 1955 agreement, it was learned today.

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